

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 16, and 17 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 5, 12, and 13 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/023,800. As indicated by the Examiner, a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection has already been recorded.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sugawara. Independent Claims 1, 9, 16, and 17 recite in general a conductive section having a recess which includes a balun portion and a slot portion. By contrast, the Sugawara patent has a first recess with only a slot portion and a second recess with only a balun portion. Thus, the Sugawara patent does not have a recess that includes both a balun portion and a slot portion as required in the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 16, and 17 are not anticipated by the Sugawara patent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the apparent allowability of Claims 2-7 and 10-15. Applicant respectfully defers placing Claims 2-7 and 10-15 into appropriate independent form pending a final disposition of their respective independent claims.

Attached herewith is a Sixth Information Disclosure Statement with appropriate fee. Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted therein be considered during examination of the present Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-17.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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